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**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS - APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS  
FOR BALED LINT COTTON FROM HEAVILY INFESTED AREAS**

Pursuant to authority vested in the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, under Regulation 8 of the Revised Rules and Regulations Supplemental to Notice of Quarantine No. 52 (revised), approved December 4, 1935, effective December 5, 1935, which provides that baled lint, produced in a heavily infested area must be given both vacuum fumigation and either compression or roller treatment, unless and until the said Bureau shall approve some other treatment or treatments for the purpose; the Bureau, after having determined that either of the two following additional treatments affords adequate protection, hereby approves either of them as further alternative treatments for baled cotton originating in heavily infested areas and permits may be issued for the interstate movement of baled cotton so treated (See footnote):

1. When, under the supervision of an inspector the flat bale shall be enclosed in a steam-tight chamber and subjected to a steam pressure of not less than 15 pounds to the square inch for not less than three minutes at a temperature of not less than 150° at a depth of three inches from the surface of the bale at all points and when this treatment is followed by standard or high-density compression.

2. When the lint of such bales has been passed between revolving rollers which, in the judgment of the inspector, are of adequate weight and are set sufficiently close to crush all cottonseed and kill any pink bollworms present, the bagging for such bales is kept uncontaminated, the platform and premises near to the bale press are clean and uncontaminated, and when the bales are moved directly from the press to a location which, in the judgment of the inspector, is adequately safeguarded against contamination.

Persons or firms wishing to avail themselves of these additional treatments should address the local inspector of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, or the Regional Headquarters, P. O. Box 798, San Antonio, Texas.

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Note: This circular should not be construed to set aside or change any of the requirements regarding seed sterilization or prevention of contamination or other prerequisites for the issuance of permits on cotton products originating in regulated areas, except as specifically stated herein.

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